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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL, PROPOSING "GOLDEN GATE" FOR 1976 FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, SUGGESTS CZECHS MISUNDERSTAND SMITHSONIAN DESIRE DEMONSTRATE SOCIAL SCIENCE APPROACH TO EXPRESSIVE CULTURE BY U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAK RESEARCHERS SELECTING SMALL GROUP PURE FOLK ARTISTS TO MATCH AMERICANS OF CZECH AND

SLOVAK DESCENT CARRYING ON SIMILAR TRADITIONS. DESIRE GROUP DEVOID OF ANY PROFESSIONAL EXPOSURE.

2. SMITHSONIAN HAS SELECTED DR. SVATAVA JAKOBSON, OF CZECH DESCENT AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, TO ACCOMPLISH FIELD WORK PROBABLY SEPTEMBER. LETTER FROM RINZLER, FESTIVAL DIRECTOR, TO QUINN WILL PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON PROJECT AND JAKOBSON BIODATA. JAKOBSON TRAVEL DATES WILL BE CABLED WHEN FIRM.

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3. FYI CZECH COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURE SOLECKY

AND CULTURAL ATTACHE JAROSIK ATTENDED 1975 FESTIVAL
DIPLOMATIC WALK-THROUGH BUT REMAINED NONCOMMITTAL. KISSINGER

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